

July 3-4 Highlights

By Charles Clines

A fireworks show – as in lightning – gave runners and walkers an early morning July 4 show Monday. Accompanied by some heavy rain in parts of the area caused at least one event (the Cox Racing Club's July 4 5K) to be canceled because of flooding on its Trinity Trail course at the Martin House Brewery location on Sylvania. Yet, some other events, after lightning left the area, went off as scheduled.

* At RunTime's **Firecracker 5000** at Trinity Park, **Chris Wallace**, 21, of North Richland Hills and **Hans-Magnus Haukoy**, 14, from Sandsli, Norway (isn't that far northeast Texas?), duelled for the overall male award. Wallace held on to win with a 16:12.5 and Haukoy finished in 16:35.3, a step in front of **Brent Poulsen**, 33, of Fort Worth. Haukoy's 44-year-old dad, **Inge**, won the male masters race with an 18:18.8 and mom Marianne won the female masters award with a 21:32.7. Oh, yes, Hans-Magnus Haukoy, 14, was second overall with a 16:35.3. **Elizabeth Northern**, 28, of Fort Worth, an Olympics Trials competitor, won the female award with a comfortable 19:54.2 even though she's in the early stages of pregnancy. She won last year with a 17:13.1. Again, 79-year-old **Ken Brewer** had an impressive effort with a 29:09.4 to win the male 75-79 division. The oldest participant was **Ernest Lacroix** of Fort Worth. The 97-year-old finished with a 1:05:15.2. There were 216 timed finishers.

* **Keith Pierce**, a three-time Cowtown Marathon winner, zipped to victory at the **Liberty Run 5K** in Denton. The 36-year-old finished with a 16:03. **Matthew Morgan**, 16, **Micah Davidson**, 19, **Glen George**, 17, **Jacob Dellinger**, 17, and **Bryson Bassinger**, 15, battled it out for the second and third place awards with Morgan taking the runner-up spot with a 17:32. Davidson took third (17:35), George fourth (17:46), Dellinger fifth (17:53) and Bassinger sixth (17:57). There wasn't as much suspense in the female race as **Devin Norton**, 16, won by more than a minute with a 19:22. There were 267 finishers.

* On Sunday, **Mark Whittle**, 15, held on to win the **Hotter 'n Firecrackers 5K** in Frisco with a 19:13.8. Not far behind was **Taylor Wilson**, 26, with a 19:24.3 and **Parker Wilhoit**, 15, with a 19:27.6.